



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Missouri Receives \$700,000 DHS Grant for Transit Security

Missouri will receive a \$700,000 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transit Security Grant specifically for the Bi-State Transit Development Agency light rail system in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Bi-State Transit was selected because it is in one of 39 major urban area security initiative cities with a regional transit authority, and the only entity in Missouri, to receive this grant.

The grant requires Bi-state Transit Development Agency to develop a narrative of their response capabilities to a terrorism incident, conduct a risk assessment, develop a security and emergency preparedness plan and a strategy to implement those plans for light rail transit. The Missouri Director of Homeland Security must review the report before the State Emergency Management Agency forwards the report to the Office of Domestic Preparedness in the Department of Homeland Security. The report must be submitted before August 31, 2005.

Fisher Named SEMA Area A Coordinator

Bruce Fisher accepted the position of SEMA Area A Coordinator effective May 1. Many EMDs know Fisher for his work currently with SEMA as an Emergency Management Officer III in the Disaster Recovery Section working with the Public Assistance (Infrastructure) program. He will be moving to the Kansas City area. The SEMA Office in Kansas City is located in the Kansas City Armory, on Ozark Road. Fisher will provide planning assistance and coordinate other SEMA activities for the Area A Counties of: Bates, Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Platte, Ray, and Saline.

Better Than March's Final Four...April's Final HSRT Full Scale Exercises

By the end of April, the 28 Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRT) and Forward Regional Response Teams (FRRT) will have participated in 21 exercises. The final four full scale HSRT exercise will be conducted with the following teams: Hannibal, Kirksville, St. Louis County, St. Louis City, Northwest Missouri, and SEMO/Jackson.

"We have a wonderful baseline for the exercises. I am extremely proud of the Teams in general. These exercises have displayed your enthusiasm and dedication to being a homeland security response team regardless of size or location," said SEMA Director Ron Reynolds.

SEMA contracted with an impartial 3rd party to conduct terrorism exercises for the entire state. The 21 exercises included: 8 Tabletop Exercises, 3 Functional Exercises, and 10 Full-scale Exercises. Specifically, the exercises were looking at: training qualifications of the team, equipment operations training, team standard operating guides, and response capabilities of the 28 Regional teams. We were also looking to identify ways SEMA could improve the training and equipment for the teams. Each team will receive an After Action Exercise Review. In July, SEMA would like to bring all 28 Teams to the EOC to discuss where we want to go with future exercises, training and equipment needs.

Dopp Named President of NASTTPO

Robert (Bob) Dopp, Executive Director of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission, is the new President of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO). He will serve a two-year term for the national organization. The NASTTPO is composed of officials from State Emergency Response Commissions, Tribal Emergency Response Commissions, various federal agencies and private industry. Membership is heavily involved in Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA) activities. The organization focuses on hazardous materials response whether accidental or deliberate release.

Dopp of Union, MO., is a career firefighter with 33 years with the Union Fire Protection District. Prior to joining the MERC, which is co-located with State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in September of 1996, he worked in the Division of Fire Safety as a HAZMAT Grant Program Specialist and trainer.

31 Law Enforcement Agencies Receive LETPP Round #2 Grants

An additional, 31 law enforcement agencies will receive personal protective gear and other equipment. The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) grants peer review committee met last June to review all grants. The first FY'04 LETPP grant group purchases realized a savings of \$666,817.85.

City Police Departments are: Cowgill, Fair Play, Hamilton, Hazelwood, Independence, Liberty, Macon, Olivette, Ozark, Pilot Grove, Poplar Bluff, Puxico, Rich Hill, Rolla, Sedalia, Springfield, St. Charles, Theodosia, Verona, and Wheaton

County Sheriff Departments are: Atchison, Barry, Camden, Clay, Oregon, Randolph, Ripley, Shelby, St. Francois, Vernon, and Wright.

57 Groups Receive Round #2 Interoperable Communications Grants

Money saved the FY'03 Homeland Security Part II grant group purchases resulted in a savings of \$1,806,876.65. Earlier this year all Interoperable Communications Grants were peer reviewed. The savings from earlier Homeland Security grants were applied toward helping 57 additional applicants.

Jurisdictions receiving grants are: Bethany Fire, Bethany Police, Butler Fire, Cameron Ambulance District, Cape Girardeau EMA, Caulfield Fire, Cole Camp EMA, Cuba, Delta FPD, East Prairie, Eldon Fire, Eldon Fire Dispatch, Gerald Area Ambulance, Gordonville Police, Gorin VFD, Highlandville FPD, Hollister Police, Houston, Iberia FPD, Keytesville Police/Public Works, Kimberling City Police, Lilbourn VFD, Macon Police, Marionville Police, Maryville Public Safety, Meta FPD, Nixa FPD, Oran FDP, Park Hills, Portageville, Rutledge Fire, Scott City, St Louis East County FPD, Southwest Missouri State University Safety, Stover RFPD, Wayland VFPD, and Wheeling RFD.

Joint Recipients are: Highland/Oregon County, and Kahoka/Clark County Fire.

Counties receiving grants are: Audrain County E911, Bates County EMA, Butler County EMA, Butler County FPD, Cooper County 911, Dunklin County 911, Henry County EMA, Laclede, Lewis County EMA, Morgan, New Madrid County EMA, Perry County Ambulance District, Polk County Sheriff, Pulaski, Putnam County E911, Shelby, Ste. Genevieve, and Vernon County EMA.

Floodplain/Stormwater Conference Set for May 18-19

The 10th annual Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (MFSMA) Conference will be May 18-19 at Port Arrowhead Resort, Lake of the Ozarks. The conference is co-sponsored by

MFSMA, SEMA and FEMA. The conference is limited to 200 participants. Workshops will focus on Low Impact Development, No Adverse Impact – Legally Speaking, NFIP 101, FEMA Map Modernization, FEMA Mapping Update for State of Missouri and Overview of DNR Hot Issues.

Registration is \$75 for MFSMA members or \$100 for non-members. Please send registration to MSFMA attn: Pam Huhmann, P. O. Box 775, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Advanced hotel reservations must be made by April 17 to get the conference rate of \$75. The hotel reservation telephone number is 800-532-3575.

SEMA Classes with Openings in May and June

The following free SEMA classes still have openings. If you would like to attend one of them, please go the SEMA's Homepage to register on line. The on line training application link is:

[http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/WebFiles/TrainingRegistrationForm/\\$File/Training%20Application.pdf](http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/WebFiles/TrainingRegistrationForm/$File/Training%20Application.pdf)

May 10-12	Emergency Planning at the	St. Louis County EMA
5/10-12/05	Community Emergency Response Team T-t-T	Cape Girardeau
5/17-19/05	Community Emergency Response Team T-t-T	Ava
6/1-2/05	Principles of Emergency Management	Kansas City
6/7-8/05	Donations Management	Springfield
6/9/05	Decision Making and Problem Solving	St. Joseph

Libbert Retires, Knipp Returns

Karen Libbert, Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) manager in the Fiscal Branch, will retire on May 1, 2005. Karen will be retiring under Missouri's "80 and Out" program, which is a combination of a state worker's age plus years of service totaling 80 years. Enjoy your Retirement, Karen.

Kristy Knipp, formerly Kristy Steinmetz, will return to SEMA's Fiscal Branch effective April 16. She will be the EMPG program manager. Both Kristy and Karen will be working together the last two-weeks in April to make sure there is a smooth transition. IF you have any related EMPG questions, please call them at 573-526-9117. Welcome back, Kristy!

Health Sponsors "Coordinating A Community Response" Seminar

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism, Heartland Center, and St. Louis University School of Public Health are sponsoring "Looking Beyond Ourselves...Coordinating A Community Response" seminar set for June 1-2 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach. The seminar is free. It is limited to 350 people. Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the participant.

General Session topics include: SARS the Toronto Experience, Agroterrorism: What Are the Possibilities, All-Hazard Planning for Schools, and Tsunami 2004: Sri Lanka. Breakout session topics include: Cross Jurisdictional Partnerships for Bioterrorism Preparedness, SARS in the Laboratory, Food Supply Protection, Russian School Siege, Planning for Special Needs Populations, and Picking up the Pieces: Psychosocial Recovery of a Country

NIMS Compliant ICS Training Guidelines Available Online

The NIMS Integration Center has developed guidelines for ICS training providers that will help them ensure that the training they offer meets the requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Since one of the first steps for becoming compliant with NIMS is institutionalizing the use of ICS across the response system, ICS training must be consistent with the concepts, principles and

characteristics of the NIMS ICS training offered by DHS training entities along with that of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

The NIMS National Standard Curriculum: Training Development Guidance outlines the system's ICS concepts and principles, management characteristics, organizations and operations, organizational element titles and recommendations for a model curriculum. It also provides an evaluation checklist for content that may be used to make sure that ICS training meets the "as taught by DHS" standard. The guidance document is available for download from the NIMS Homepage at www.fema.gov/nims.

According to the NIMS Integration Center, emergency management and response personnel already ICS trained do not need retraining if their previous training is consistent with the DHS standard. This would include ICS courses managed, administered or delivered by the Emergency Management Institute, the National Fire Academy, NWCG, USDA, EPA or the U.S. Coast Guard, the NIMS Center said. For more information about NIMS ICS e-mail the NIMS-Integration-Center@dhs.gov, or call 202-646-3850.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP)

During the 17th Annual NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title Three Public Officials) Conference Mr. Charles Rogoff, Program Administrator announced the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Funds might be used to support National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for Public Sector Employees. This applies to the SERC's, TERC's and LEPC's that are receiving this grant funds.

City of Independence Citizen Corps Celebrates New Offices

The City of Independence celebrated the grand opening of the new City of Independence Citizen Corps Volunteer Office. A ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at the new Citizen Corps Volunteer Office that is located in the historic Independence Square district.

The Independence Citizen Corps effort is a collaborative effort among key partners within the city. The Independence Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) is especially proactive with Helen Matson, City of Independence Volunteer Coordinator. Key members of the OEP including Citizen Corps Coordinator Mark Widner, Assistant Fire Chief Ron Thompson, Citizen Corps Volunteer Judy Sturgess and Fire Chief Sandy Schiess actively recruit volunteers for Citizen Corps, emergency management and other volunteer programs. One out standing success story focuses on a CERT volunteer recently saving the life of a choke victim.

The City is strongly supports the Citizens Corps program. Mayor Ron Stewart, City Manager Robert Heacock and other key City officials are 100% behind the Citizen Corps effort. "Our success is largely due to the support of our Mayor and key City officials," said Mark Widner who along with Helen Matson are the driving force behind the effort. Helen said, "Independence has a strong community spirit". Also attending the ceremony were Deputy Director James Wakeman, Citizen Corps Coordinator Jamie Dake, and Statewide Volunteer Coordinator Dante Gliniecki from SEMA, and Tony Gasbarre, Citizen Corps Program Manager from FEMA Region VII also attended.

FEMA Turns 26 – Happy Birthday

This April, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) turned 26 years old. In the past 26 years, FEMA has responded to hundreds of disasters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Pacific Island Trust Territories and the U. S. Virgin Islands. The agency helped Americans through the difficult times with the Midwest Floods of 1993 and 1997, the Northridge Earthquake, the September 11th terror attacks, and the 2004 hurricanes.

Free Software for PDA HAZMAT Guidance Available

The March 22, 2005 *Emergency Preparedness News* vol. 29 #6 issue published an article on Page 46 stating that HAZMAT first responders can have free access to a new hazardous substance and medical treatment software designed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER) software helps first responders identify unknown substances by using input about its physical properties and symptoms from victims.

The WISER software for Palm OS or Pocket PC can be downloaded at <http://WISER.nlm.gov>. A desktop version will be available later this spring and a web-based version is in development. For more information contact: Robert Mehnert, NLM, (301) 496-6308.

Missouri Leads Efforts to Implement Online Nursing Emergency Response Registry

The Missouri State Board of Nursing is leading a national effort to create and implement state-based, online systems of qualified, licensed professionals who are willing to volunteer in the event of a disaster or other emergency situation. The Missouri State Board of Nursing is a board within the Department of Economic Development's Division of Professional Registration.

The state's Board of Nursing partnered with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to develop and implement a state-based system for establishing and verifying the qualifications of licensed professionals willing to volunteer during a state of emergency. This system, funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is called the Licensed-Professionals Emergency and Disaster Registry (LEAD-R).

The LEAD-R will serve as an official registry of professionals who are willing to volunteer services whenever the governor or legislature declares a state of emergency. If an emergency situation arises, a query can be run on the new system to identify the appropriate emergency respondents by proximity and credentials.